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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Masato Nogawa et al.

Serial No.: 09/982,663

Filed: October 17, 2001

For: Three-Side Trimmer

Examiner: Kenneth E. Peterson

Group Art Unit: 3724

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 23, 2004, AMENDMENT
AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

1. This is a response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004. Applicant previously filed a petition for a one-month extension of time under separate cover.

2. The current claim status is as follows:

- a) claims 9, 10, 15 are pending in the application;
- b) claim 15 is objected to;
- c) claims 9, 10, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C.

§103(a) as being unpatentable over pages 1-5 of the specification and figures 9 and 10 of the specification in view